

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 183

By Sexton

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Cumberland County High School cheerleaders on the completion of a successful season.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful athletic teams who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Cumberland County High School cheerleading squad is one such team who recently claimed fourth place in the Game Day Division at The UCA National High School Cheerleading Competition, held at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the most prestigious cheerleading competition in the nation, the 2014 edition of The UCA National High School Cheerleading Competition featured 10,000 cheerleaders, 552 teams, thirty-two divisions, thirty states, and five countries; and

WHEREAS, the 2013-2014 members of this outstanding cheerleading team include Allyna Kerley, Bailey Galan, Becca Patton, Britney McDaniel, Cade Isaacson, Emily Swafford, Felicia Mantooth, Haley Mitchell, Hannah Hitch, Jade Iles, Jessica Simmons, Julie Bryson, Kadee Fowler, Karis Davis, Katie Burney, Leah Stephens, Talin Miller, Taonna Miller, Viktoria Selby, Ashley Bennett, Danyelle Ashburn, Kassie Looschen, Kaitlyn Lee, and Shayla Christopher; and

WHEREAS, the cheerleaders from Cumberland County High School enjoy the experience and dedication of coaches, Melissa Kerley and Jeanne Swafford, as well as the support of their sponsors, Bekki Atkinson and Cheryl Threet, Cumberland County High School Principal Jon Hall, and cheer booster club president, Jo Bryson; and

WHEREAS, the Cumberland County High School cheerleading team began their successful season at UCA Cheer Camp at Tennessee Technological University in June where they were named camp champs in a variety of categories, including Varsity Extreme routine, Varsity Game Day routine, Junior Varsity Home Pom routine, and Junior Varsity Game Day routine; and

WHEREAS, loud and proud, the team from Cumberland County High School was the first in camp to receive the exclusive UCA Spirit Banana for outstanding spirit and picked up numerous other spirit sticks and ribbons every day of the event; and

WHEREAS, eight members were named to the All American UCA Cheer Squad, including varsity members, Leah Stephens, Shayla Christopher, Talin Miller, Taonna Miller, Emily Swafford, and Kadee Fowler, and junior varsity members, Kaitlyn Lee and Kayla Spieles; and

WHEREAS, the team is successful not only in competition but also in their academic lives, as twenty-five of the thirty-five members of the varsity and junior varsity squads received academic awards for obtaining GPAs of a 3.5 or higher during the 2012-2013 school year; and

WHEREAS, the cheerleaders of Cumberland County High School have also lent their time and energies to their community, collecting coats for the Coats for the Cold program, volunteering with Special Olympics, teaching cheers and stunt safety at area elementary schools, adopting three families for Christmas, and working with the football and basketball teams to make the school's Pink Out games successful; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young athletes not only made possible several stellar championships, but also surely bodes well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Cumberland County High School cheerleading squad for their outstanding performances and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate the members of the Cumberland County High School cheerleading squad on their commitment to excellence, applaud their capture of multiple awards and successes, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.